



General Assembly

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AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TECHNICIANS AND CERTIFIED COMPETITIVE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-340b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Telecommunications electrical work" means work permitted to
5 be performed by holders of a limited electrical contractor's license (T-1)
6 as provided by regulation adopted under this chapter.

7 (2) "Public service technician" means an employee of [a public] any
8 of the following: (A) Public service company, [or] certified
9 telecommunications provider or certified competitive video service
10 provider, as defined in section 16-1, [or any] (B) an affiliate of any such
11 company or provider, or (C) a contractor of any such company or
12 provider or affiliate of such company or provider, who is engaged in
13 telecommunications electrical work and who is not otherwise exempt
14 from licensing pursuant to section 20-340.

15 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, a
16 public service technician may be issued a certificate of registration by
17 the Department of Consumer Protection, upon authorization of the

18 Electrical Work Board, in lieu of any license which otherwise might be
19 required under this chapter, which shall entitle the holder of such
20 certificate to perform telecommunications electrical work only as
21 provided in this section, provided the public service company,
22 certified telecommunications provider, certified competitive video
23 service provider or affiliate or contractor which employs the public
24 service technician certifies to the Electrical Work Board that the
25 employee has obtained such training and experience deemed
26 necessary by the public service company, certified telecommunications
27 provider, certified competitive video service provider or affiliate or
28 contractor to perform telecommunications electrical work included in
29 such employee's job functions.

30 (c) The content and duration of the training and experience
31 programs provided by the public service company, certified
32 telecommunications provider, certified competitive video service
33 provider or affiliate or contractor must be relevant to the duties of the
34 employee and must be approved biennially by the Labor Department.
35 In reviewing the programs and training provided by a public service
36 company, certified telecommunications provider, certified competitive
37 video service provider or affiliate or contractor, the Labor Department
38 shall consider the specialization of the employees of the company, [or]
39 provider, affiliate or contractor, the employee's previous company, [or]
40 provider, affiliate or contractor, training, the service record of the
41 company, [or] provider, affiliate or contractor, the experience of the
42 company, [or] provider, affiliate or contractor in training employees to
43 perform telecommunications electrical work, and the quality assurance
44 measures used by the company, [or] provider, affiliate or contractor.

45 (d) An employee enrolled in the training programs of the public
46 service company, [or] certified telecommunications provider, certified
47 competitive video service provider or affiliate or contractor shall be
48 issued a trainee's certificate by such company, [or] provider, affiliate or
49 contractor, valid for the duration of the training program, and may
50 perform telecommunications electrical work only under the

51 supervision of an employee of the public service company, certified
52 telecommunications provider, [or] certified competitive video service
53 provider, affiliate or contractor who is a registered public service
54 technician or holds a journeyman's license.

55 (e) A public service company, [or] certified telecommunications
56 provider, certified competitive video service provider, affiliate or
57 contractor employing a public service technician shall inform the
58 Electrical Work Board upon the change in job description or
59 termination of any registered public service technician previously
60 certified to the board pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and
61 upon the issuance or termination of a trainee's certificate provided to
62 an employee pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

63 (f) A registered public service technician or employee of a public
64 service company, certified telecommunications provider, [or] certified
65 competitive video service provider, affiliate or contractor issued a
66 trainee's certificate by such company, [or] provider, affiliate or
67 contractor may only perform such work on behalf of such public
68 service company, certified telecommunications provider, [or] certified
69 competitive video service provider, affiliate or contractor and only
70 while in the direct employment of such public service company,
71 certified telecommunications provider, or certified competitive video
72 service provider, affiliate or contractor. Such registration or trainee's
73 certificate will be immediately relinquished upon termination of
74 employment from such public service company, certified
75 telecommunications provider, or certified competitive video service
76 provider, affiliate or contractor.

77 (g) A registered public service technician may not supervise any
78 duly registered apprentice performing work under a permit issued
79 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 20-334a.

80 (h) The public service technician's registration shall expire annually.
81 The fee for registration as a public service technician shall be the same
82 fee as that charged for a journeyman's license under section 20-335.

83 (i) Registered public service technicians shall be subject to the same
84 disciplinary actions as journeymen, including, but not limited to,
85 actions authorized under sections 20-334, 20-341 and 21a-9.

86 (j) Supervisory personnel of a public service company, certified
87 telecommunications provider, [or] certified competitive video service
88 provider, affiliate or contractor authorized to employ registered public
89 service technicians pursuant to this section may act as an agent of such
90 company, [or] provider, affiliate or contractor for the purpose of taking
91 out a permit pursuant to section 20-332-16(b) of the regulations of
92 Connecticut state agencies.

93 (k) In lieu of displaying a contractor's license number pursuant to
94 section 20-334, each public service company, certified
95 telecommunications provider, or certified competitive video service
96 provider, affiliate or contractor authorized pursuant to this section to
97 employ registered public service technicians shall display its name,
98 logo or other trademark which clearly identifies the company, [or]
99 provider, affiliate or contractor on all commercial vehicles used in its
100 business and in a conspicuous manner on all printed advertisements,
101 bid proposals, contracts and invoices and on all stationery used in its
102 business.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2011	20-340b
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The first closing bracket in section 1 (a) (2) was moved and the initial new language in said subdivision was conformed as necessary for proper form.

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*